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DPD-8840-60
9 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : David Clark Company, Inc.
Helmet S-892, Contract No. TN-719

1. The following is a brief summary of the current status of subject helmet supplied by the Contractor:

a. The helmet was taken to the Test Site by [REDACTED] and tested under the guidance of [REDACTED], then to WPAFB for specific tests on heated visor.

b. Contractor is aware of comments made by [REDACTED] and understands that WPAFB will issue an informal report on findings but has not done so to date. [REDACTED] of David Clark expects to visit WPAFB soon to find out about this. Helmet was returned to Contractor in September 1960.

c. Contractor would like to proceed with certain corrections and modifications in the helmet based on the report made by [REDACTED] even without any additional funds being provided under the contract (which already has a cost overrun of over \$4,000.00 which will not be claimed for reimbursement). Contractor feels it has a moral obligation to deliver the article in a more useful state as they feel they now have a better knowledge of the requirements than at the beginning of the undertaking.

d. However, Contractor feels that if the helmet is to be written off by Headquarters, it would not be proper to waste money in revising the item.

2. It is requested that the undersigned be notified as to whether there is any point in proceeding further so that the Contractor may be advised accordingly and the contract closed out.

[REDACTED]
Chief, Contract Branch, DPD

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Subject: David Clark Co, Inc Helmet (Contract TK-719)

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[REDACTED] is aware of comments made by [REDACTED] and understands that WPAFB will issue an informal report on findings but has not done so to date. Joe expects to visit WPAFB soon to find out about this. Helmet was returned to the contractor in Sept 1960.

Joe would like to proceed with certain corrections and modifications in the helmet based on the report that was made by [REDACTED] even without any funds being provided under the contract (which already has a cost overrun of over \$4,000 which will not be claimed for reimbursement). Joe feels the company has a moral obligation to deliver the article in a more useful state - He feels he has a much better knowledge of the requirements now than at the beginning of the undertaking.

However, Joe feels that if the item is to be written off by Hqs, it would not be proper to waste money in revising the item. Therefore, Joe would like Hqs to advise him whether there is any point in proceeding further.

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By [REDACTED]

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